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Claims 1 through 20 are now the application.

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with Sections 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) and 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5).

In view of the foregoing, paragraph [0088] of the Description has been amended to describe reference numerals 289, 295 and 299 which were previously only included in former Figure 10.

Furthermore, paragraph [0060] of the Description has been amended to no longer refer to reference 19. Paragraph [0063] has been amended to replace reference numeral "43f" with "43". It is noted that Figure 2 includes reference numeral 43. Reference numeral "10" has been cancelled from paragraph [0067]. Likewise reference numerals 151 and 153 have been cancelled from paragraph [0087]. Reference signs 211, 217 and 228 have been added to Figure 10. The Disclosure has also been revised to no longer refer to reference numeral 215.

Paragraph [0062] has been amended to consistently refer to the term "opening" by reference numeral 31. Reference numeral 21 is now solely used to designate the motor.

Paragraph [0069] has been amended to consistently use reference numeral 73 to designate the piping. Reference numeral 77 is now solely used to designate "the second end".

Reference character "89" is now solely used to designate the "inlet opening" (see amended paragraphs [0076] and [0078]).

The "first opening" is now only referred by reference numeral 31.

Reference numeral "44" is now the only reference character used to designate "lining" (see amended paragraph [0063]).

The Abstract of the Disclosure stands objected to because of the inclusion of legal phraseology. In view of the foregoing, Applicant herein submits a new Abstract for the Examiner's consideration. The new Abstract is believed to be in compliance with Section 608.01(b) of the MPEP.

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The Disclosure has been completely revised to correct the informalities identified by the Examiner.

Claims 1 to 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 to 19 have been revised to correct all the informalities indicated by the Examiner. New amended Claims 1 to 19 are now believed in compliance with Section 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claim 1 has been further amended to be more in line with the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter provided by the Examiner at point 11 of the aforementioned Official Action.

Claim 2 has been rewritten to set forth that the exhausted working air from the motor-fan assembly is blown downwardly below the motor-fan assembly via the pipe into the acoustic chamber.

Claim 3 has also been rewritten to set forth that cooling air is directed from the motor-fan assembly into a second acoustic chamber along which the cooling air has to flow before being vented outside of the canister through an outlet opening.

Claim 4 has been rewritten to set forth that the canister is provided with a wall mounting bracket through which the cooling air is vented outside the canister.

Claims 5 to 19 have only been slightly amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

New independent Claim 20 is believed patentable as reciting a central duct extending between first and second plates and being in fluid flow communication at opposite ends with respective openings in the first and second plates, the first and second plates defining with the sidewall of the canister and the sidewall of the central duct and acoustic chamber provided with a lining of sound absorbing material and an outlet. This generally corresponds to the reasons provided by the Examiner to justify the patentability of independent Claims 1 and 5.

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It is submitted, therefore, that Claims 1 to 20 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment or the Application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

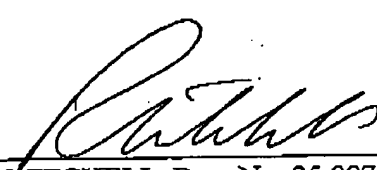
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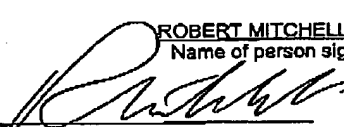
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